

# SARATOV INVITES IVESC 2002

The proposal to hold IVESC 2002 in Saratov is officially supported by Prof. Dmitry F. Ayatskov, the Governor of the Saratov Region, and Prof. Dmitry I. Trubetskov, Rector of Saratov State University.

**Venue information.** Saratov is an important educational, scientific and cultural center of the Russian Volga Region. It is also one of the main centers of the Russian electronics industry. Saratov is located on the bank of the Volga river. The mean temperature in July is +21 °C (70 F). More information about Saratov (including the various views of the city) is available from the site [www.saratov.ru](http://www.saratov.ru).

**Lodging.** It is expected that the oral presentations will take place in the new, 10<sup>th</sup> building of the Saratov State University (founded in 1909; see the English version of the site [www.sgu.ru](http://www.sgu.ru)). The poster session will be held in the *Slovakia* Hotel. This hotel is located on the Volga embankment and provides a variety of the best accommodations.

The Saratov State University is located a 5 –7 min walk from the railway station and 10 – 15 min (by car or bus) from the airport. The railway station, University and *Slovakia* Hotel are connected by Moscow avenue (3 km long), which crosses the historical center of Saratov.

## **Transportation information.**

### By Air

Saratov Airport is situated in the city (15 min by car to Hotel *Slovakia*). You may fly to Moscow, Capital of Russia, or Hanover, Germany, and then to Saratov by *Saratov Airlines*. In July the flight Number SOV2917/2918 from Hannover to Saratov is scheduled twice a week (~2.5 hr). From Moscow there are two – morning and evening - flights to Saratov every day (~ 1 hr).

### By Train

From abroad one can travel to Moscow or St. Petersburg, “the northern capital of Russia”, by train. Every evening there are 2 special trains from Moscow to Saratov (~16 hr). You may reach Saratov by direct train from St. Petersburg also (~28 hr). Many other trains are going from Moscow by way of Saratov.

Thus, there are a number of modes of direct transportation between Saratov and Moscow: by plane (~ 1 hr), rail (~ 16 hr) and (exotic travel!) river liner.

**Places of Interest.** Saratov was founded in 1590. Its population is about 1 million. In the building of XIX century, near the Volga, there is a local-history museum. One of the best sights in Saratov is the Troitsky Cathedral and its tower with bells (XVII century). At the Radishchev Art Gallery (founded in 1885), the best Russian “province” Fine Arts Museum, there are remarkable paintings by European and Russian artists of XV – XX centuries. In Saratov one can visit the Opera and the Ballet Theatre, the Philharmonic Society, and two Literary Museums.

The river and sightseeing tours of the beautiful Volga landscapes and fishing are very interesting. An excursion is planned to visit the site where the first Russian cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin landed on April 12, 1961 after his space flight.

In the city one can find many other memorial places that are devoted to well-known outstanding Russian people: inventor Petr Yablochkov, premier - minister Petr Stolypin, academicians Nikolai Zinin, Nikolai Vavilov and Nikolai Semenov, etc.

**About Saratov State University.** The university in Saratov was founded in 1909. It was the ninth university in Russia at that time and the students numbered 92. Saratov University is one of the greatest established scientific and learning centers in Russia today. It is comprised of 20 departments and institutes with 10,000 students: the Department of Physics, the Department of Nonlinear Processes, the Department of Mechanics and Mathematics, the Department of Information Technologies, the Department of Geology, the Department of Biology, the Department of Chemistry, the Department of History, the Department of Philology, the Department of Geography, the Department of Humanities and Social Science, the Pedagogical Institute, the College of Applied Science, the Research Institute of Physics, the Research Institute of Chemistry, the Research Institute of Geology, Botanical Garden, Computer Center, etc. 25 branches of the University departments have been opened on the foundation of the research institutes and industrial complexes. The special pride of Saratov State University is the Academic Library. Its holdings include 3,000,000 printed editions.

**Saratov is often called as “the town of students”.** The Saratov State University underwent a profound reorganization between 1930 and 1931. It served as a base for certain higher educational institutions that included the Medical Institute, the Law Institute, The Economics Institute, the Agricultural Institute, etc. Now in Saratov there are the State Technical University, the State Agrarian University, the State Social and Economical University, the State Academy of Law, and the State Medical University.

**Saratov is the important center of Russian science.** In Saratov is situated the Volga region center of Russian Academy of Science, that includes the research institutes for various branches of science – physics, mathematics, mechanics, biology and so on. In Saratov Part of the Institute of Radio Engineering and Electronics, Saratov Research and Development Institute *Volga*, Saratov Research and Production Enterprise *Almaz*, the phenomenon of field emission from the modern materials is studied.

**Welcome to Saratov!**

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